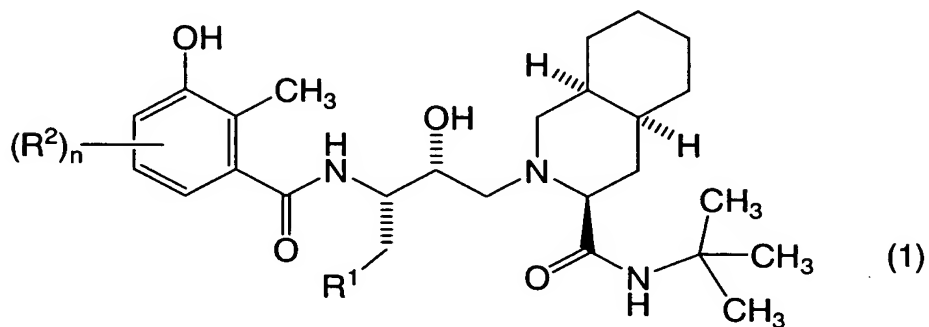


CLAIMS

1. An anti-coronavirus agent comprising as an active ingredient a compound represented by formula (1):

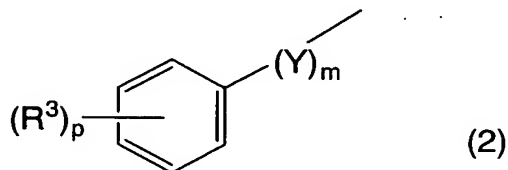
Formula (1)



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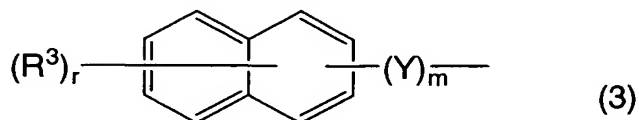
wherein each R¹ represents formula (2) or (3) below:

Formula (2)



10 wherein Y is S, O or NH; each R³ is independently a C₁-C₄ alkyl group, C₁-C₄ alkoxy group, C₁-C₄ alkylamino group, amido group, carboxy group, amino group, hydroxy group, or halogen atom; m is 0 or 1, and p is an integer from 0 to 5

Formula (3)



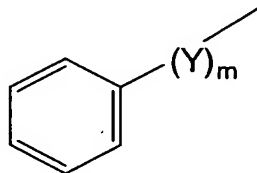
wherein Y, R³ and m are as above; p is 0 or 1, and r is an integer from 0 to 6;

R² is independently a C₁-C₄ alkyl group, C₁-C₄ alkoxy group,
5 C₁-C₄ alkylamino group, amido group, carboxy group, amino group, hydroxy group, or halogen atom; and
n is an integer from 0 to 3;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10 2. An anti-coronavirus agent according to Claim 1,
wherein R¹ in formula (1) is formula (4)

Formula 4



(4)

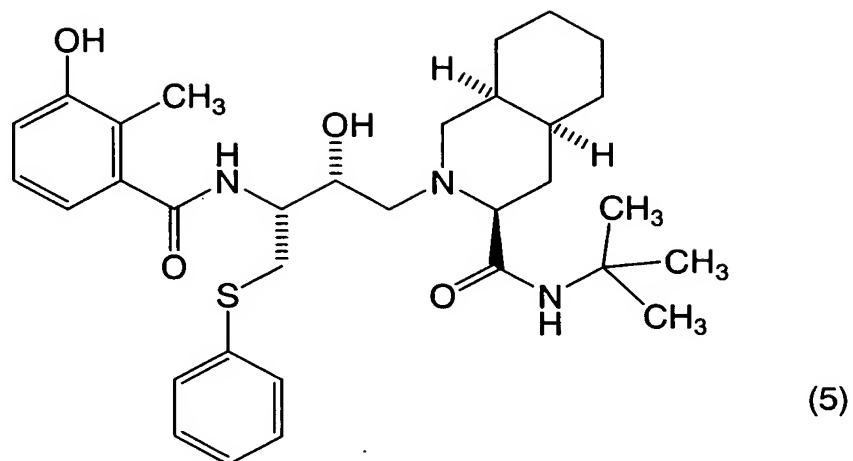
wherein Y is S, O or NH; and m is 0 or 1.

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3. An anti-coronavirus agent according to Claim 1,
wherein the compound represented by formula (1) is the
compound represented by formula (5).

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Formula (5)



4. An anti-coronavirus agent according to any one of
Claims 1 to 3, wherein the coronavirus is a SARS-
5 associated coronavirus.

5. An anti-coronavirus agent according to any one of
Claims 1 to 4, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable
salt of the compound represented by formula (1) is a
10 methanesulfonate.

6. An anti-SARS agent comprising the anti-
coronavirus agent according to any one of Claims 1 to 5 as
an active ingredient, and a pharmaceutically acceptable
15 carrier, excipient and/or diluent.

7. A method for treating SARS using the anti-SARS

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agent according to Claim 6.